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THE COMIC

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FORCE!**

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DOODLES!**



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SPINBALL WIZARD!

KNUCKLES!
MASTER EMERALD!

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STORY**

CONTROL ZONE



Hey, Boomers!

Or should I say 'Pardners'? Welcome to this roatin', tootin', wild rooster crowing issue of STC. Hold on tight as we gallop into the contents of the UK's only official Sega Comic.

That blue, beaverin' hedgehog, sure plays a mean complete story in *Sonic's Spinball Wizard*.

Shining Force, a mega-fab new series based on the successful Sega game, debuts this issue. Mixing magic, myth and mechanical marvels - let's hope it does your circuits a power of good.

You asked for him - and amazingly - those humes-who-think-they're-in-charge took notice! For all of you who wrote in demanding more Tails, the fabulous flying furry one is back with a price on his head in *Fox on the Run*.

Plus, *Knuckles* does a bit of D.I.Y. as he attempts to create a New Master Emerald. For those Boomers who want to know the secrets of Sega's energetic Echidna, brace yourselves for the first ever *Knuckles Special*. On sale 6 April, it contains forty-eight power-packed pages, including brand new stories, comics, a pin-up, a revealing interview with the red 'K' himself and a look-in from Chaotix too! Collector maniacs will love it, so stay tuned for more details.

Finally, check out your Howdy Doodles in *Graphic Zone*, plus there's a whole host of Boomers due for a handsome reward in the *Photo Zone*.

Hope some of you will be riding into the UK Comic Art Convention (see UKCAC Zone, STC 72) on Sunday, 3 March. Remember, the action starts at 3.00pm at the Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1, so lasso an adult-hume to take you along!

Megadroid

HUME ERROR - STC 70

Apologies to everyone expecting to find the usual shiny pages inside this issue. Unfortunately, Badniks were about and managed to track down the printer's address.

Thankfully, the contents remained intact, even if they weren't displayed on STC's usual paper.



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- 2 ● PREMIER MANAGER
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- 8 ● ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 ● BRIAN LARA CRICKET
- 10 NEW EARTHWORM JIM 2

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- 5 ↑ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 6 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 7 ↓ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 8 ↑ FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER
- 9 NEW LETHAL ENFORCERS 2
- 10 ↓ TOMCAT ALLEY

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- 2 ↑ JAMES POND 2: ROBOCOP
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- 4 ↑ ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 5 NEW WOLFCHILD
- 6 ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 7 ↑ ROBOCOP V TERMINATOR
- 8 ↑ DESERT STRIKE
- 9 RE BATMAN RETURNS
- 10 NEW WIMBLEDON TENNIS 2

GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
- 2 ● STAR TREK GENERATIONS
- 3 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 4 NEW PRIMAL RAGE
- 5 ↓ SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 6 ↓ DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY
- 7 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 8 NEW PHANTOM 2010
- 9 NEW POWER RANGERS: THE MOVIE
- 10 ↓ SONIC CHAOS

THE PLANET MOOBIS (STILL RULED BY ROBOTNIK).

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

Script:
MARK MILLER

Art:
KEITH PAGE

Lettering:
ELLIS DE'VILLE

Spinball Wizard

COMPLETE
STORY



WHAT HAPPENED
SONIC? A SURPRISE
ATTACK BY DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK?

NOPE! THIS
WEEK'S FAN-MAIL.
TAILS!

FAN-MAIL?
GREAT! ANYTHING
FOR ME?

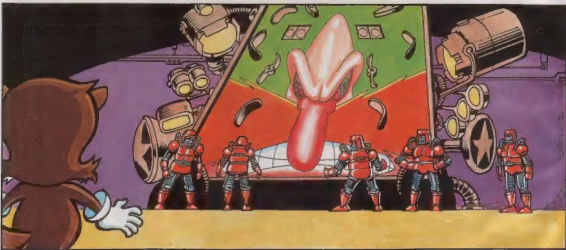
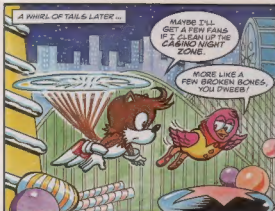
NOT ONE,
PIXEL-BRAIN!
THEY ONLY
WRITE LETTERS
TO THEIR NUMBER
ONE HERO!

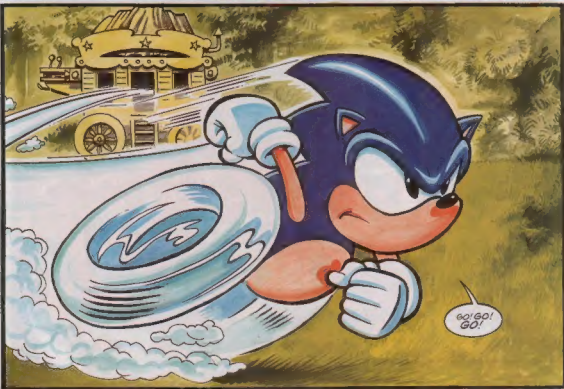
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NEVER GET ANY
MAIL...

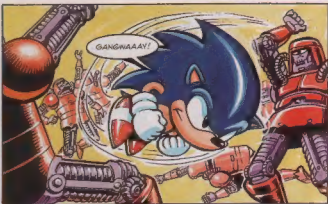
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DID SOMETHING
BRAVE AND
DANGEROUS
EVERYONE
WOULD LIKE
ME TOO.

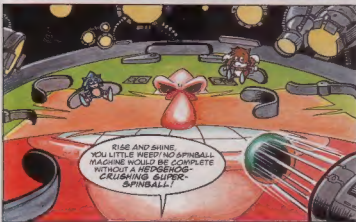
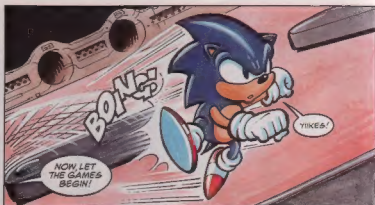
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SOUNDS LIKE
TROUBLE COULD
BE BREWING.

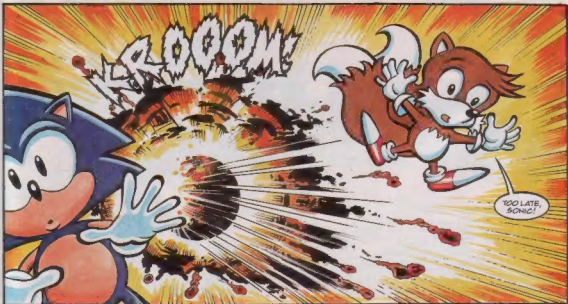
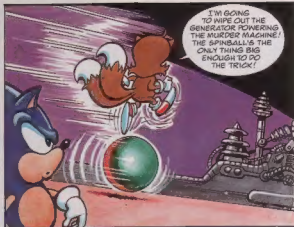
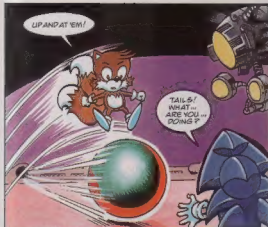


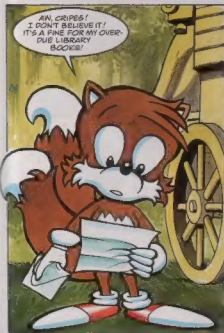












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Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Amy wears the
trousers!



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Harrigate, 5 Yorks.
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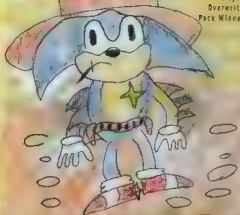


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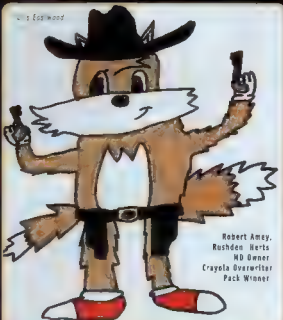
C'mon
punk make
my day.

Stephen Chandler
Dagenham Essex
MB & MS Owner,
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Pack Winner.



Guip.

5. 5. 1953 Monday



Robert Amey,
Rushden Herts
MD Owner
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KNUCKLES

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art: MIKE KITCHENS

lettering: GARY HALL

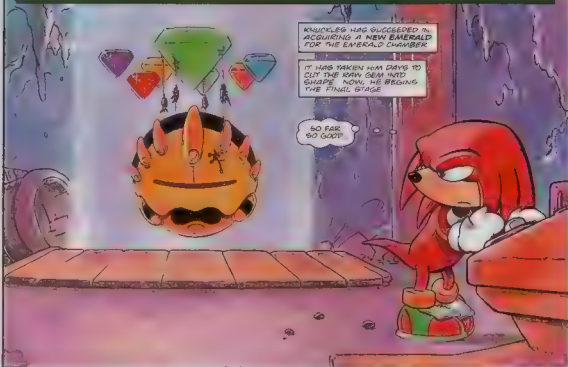
NEW MASTER EMERALD

301

KNUCKLES HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACQUIRING A NEW EMERALD FOR THE EMERALD CHAMBER.

IT HAS TAKEN HIM DAYS TO CUT THE RAW GEM INTO SHAPE. NOW, HE BEGINS THE FINAL STAGE.

SO FAR, SO GOOD.



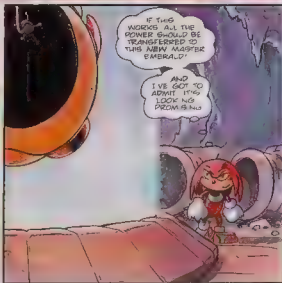
SINCE DOCTOR ZACHARY'S ROBOT DESIGNED THE MASTER EMERALD, I'VE HAD TO USE ITS HEAD AS A REPLACEMENT.

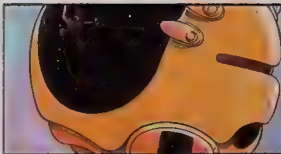


*THE ROBOT ABSORBS ALL THE EMERALD POWER. SEE 67C #67

IF THIS WORKS, ALL THE POWER SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THIS NEW MASTER EMERALD.

AND I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, IT'S LOOKING PROMISING.





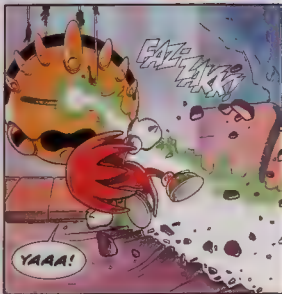
LUCKY WHEN
I DEFEATED THE ROBOT
I MANAGED TO KEEP
HOLD OF HIS HEAD

BOY I NEVER
WANT TO FACE ANYTHING
AS TOUGH AS THIS GUY
AGAIN



NIK
WHAT?

ZUTTUUM!

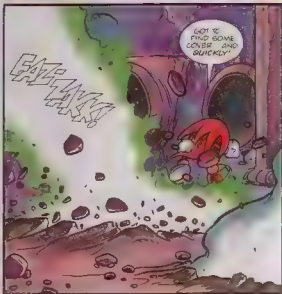


FAZZZZK!

YAAA!

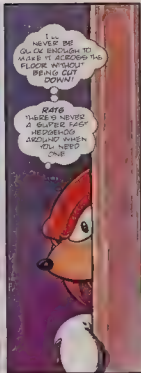


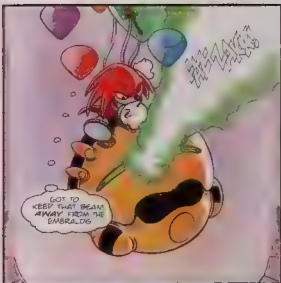
I DON'T
GET IT I THOUGHT
THIS THING WAS OUT OF
COMMISSION



GOT TO
FIND SOME
COVER AND
QUICKLY!

FAZZZZK!

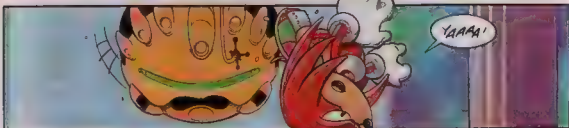




GOT TO
KEEP THAT BEAM
AWAY FROM THE
EMERALDS



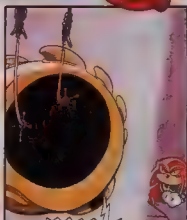
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YAAAA'

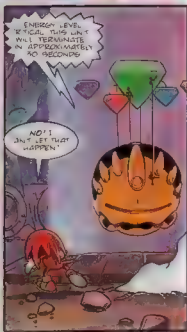


WELL
I GUESS THIS
IS IT!



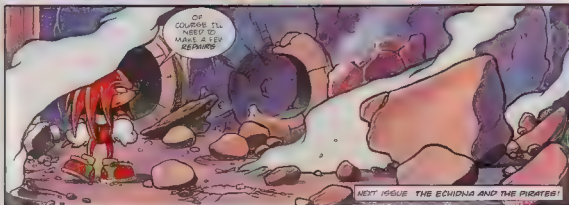
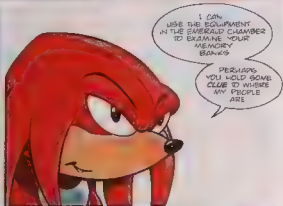
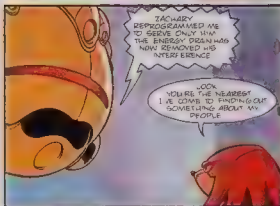
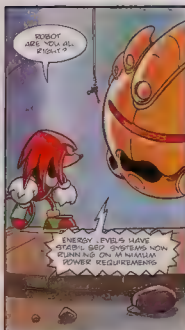
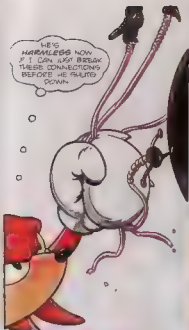
ENERGY LEVEL
69% TOO LOW TO
GENERATE POWER
BEAM

YOU CAN
TALK? I NEVER
THOUGHT OF YOU AS
A CONSCIOUS
BEING



ENERGY LEVEL
CRITICAL. THIS UNIT
WILL TERMINATE IN
APPROXIMATELY
30 SECONDS

NO! I
JST LET THAT
HAPPEN!



YOU COULD WIN A SENSATIONAL
SEGA SONIC & KNUCKLES
 DISPOSABLE CAMERA (PICTURED
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PHOTO ZONE



Kerry the horse (sent in by Michael the horse), Wigton, Lancs.
 Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Helen Walter Swan, Chilton, Oxfordshire. NB Owner.
 Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Wendy Jordan's pic of grandsons Paul, Timothy & Simon, Exeter.
 Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



David Love, Stafford. GG Owner.
 Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Heather Perreault, with Stephen Phipps, "Sonic the Hedgehog" winner.



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THE CURSE
OF ZEON

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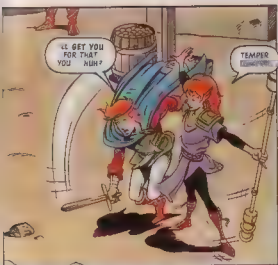
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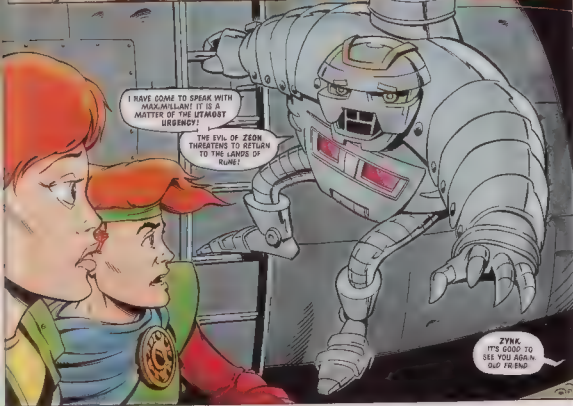
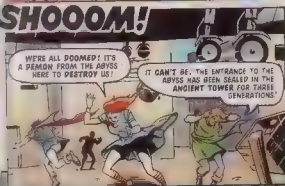
GRANSEAL ISLAND IN THE KINGDOM
OF RUINE A LAND THAT HAS KNOWN
PEACE FOR GENERATIONS

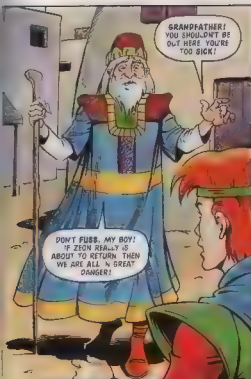
AT THE HEART OF THE ISLAND IS THE
ANCIENT TOWER THE ONE REMINDER
OF DAYS LONG GONE THE DARK
DAYS OF ZEON

KRAKK!









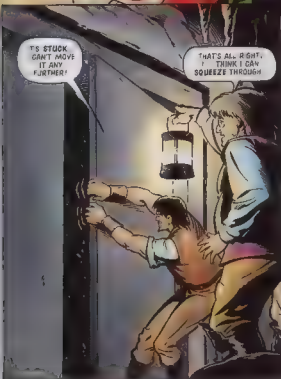
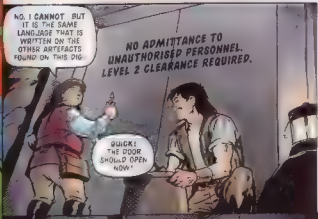
MEANWHILE, TO THE EAST IN RIBBLE, WORK CONTINUES ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG UNDER THE TOWN'S BUILDINGS.

THE SYMBOLS CAN YOU WORK OUT THEIR MEANING, TREVILLION?



NO, I CANNOT BUT IT IS THE SAME LANGUAGE THAT IS WRITTEN ON THE OTHER ARTIFACTS FOUND ON THIS DIG

NO ADMITTANCE TO UNAUTHORISED PERSONNEL. LEVEL 2 CLEARANCE REQUIRED.





WHAT CAN
YOU SEE IN
THERE?

THINGS
WONDERFUL
THINGS.

NEXT ISSUE: THE SECRET OF THE ANCIENT TOWER.



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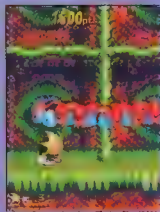
Q IS FOR QUESTION.

Q IS FOR QUERY.

Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

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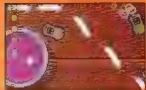


MICRO MACHINES 2

To get a faster car, pause the game whenever you want and enter Up, Down, A, B, Left, Right, then hold C and unpauses.

If you happen to be playing against a friend who's a champion at this game, do the following.

Pause the game whenever you want and key in Left, Down, Up, Down, Right, Down, hold A and Down and then unpauses it.



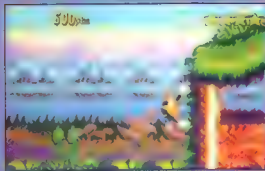
It will now be unbelievably hard playing and you laugh at their new found uselessness!



RISTAR

Forget astronomer Patrick Moore's tips on where to find the big dipper in the sky at night. Instead, take down these tips to make Ristar a star game.

In the password screen enter the word **MUSEUM** and you will get a Boss Rush mode where you will take on

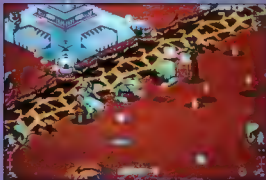


every guardian in the game one after another. To select whatever level you want to play, enter **ILOVEU** on the password screen.

To get a 'Time Attack' mode where you have to complete the levels as quickly as possible, enter the password **DOFEEL**.

Finally, to play the 'Onchi System' with some crazy options enter the password **MAGURO**.

SKELETON KREW



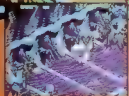
Those poor skeletons don't look well, do they? If you've yet to bond with all those bony bods on different levels, this tip will show you how.



Start playing the game and at any time press Start to pause it. Now enter **C, Up, Left, Left, B, A, Right**.



Down, C, Left, Up, and B. You can now switch between levels by pressing **Left** or **Right** to skip up and down them.



THEME PARK



A monster thank you to **STC** fan **Ian Kay** from **Liverpool** who tells me that by entering the code **7AAACAABAA4** you can start this Mega Drive game with 32 million pounds in the bank!



Try this if you want the children to ride your tubing ride in go-karts and the speedway in rubber tubes ... once you've made a

Speedway or Tubing Ride and you've put the entrance in, turn the other ride off. Now change the track to either Speedway or Tubing and turn it back on.

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LEW STRINGER

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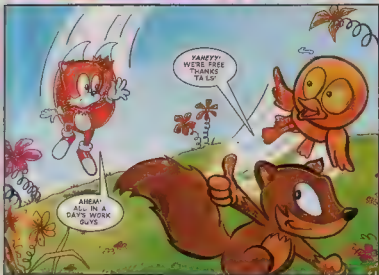
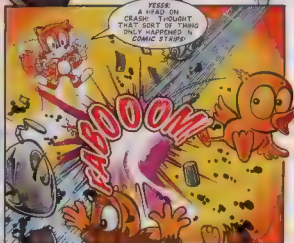
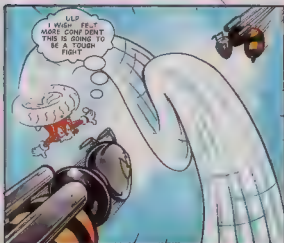
THERE ARE STILL SOME AREAS ON PLANET MOBIUS UNTOUCHED BY THE POLLUTING INFLUENCE OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK. IN THE PEACEFUL SPRING FLOWER ZONE, TAILS WAS ENJOYING A STROLL UNTIL...

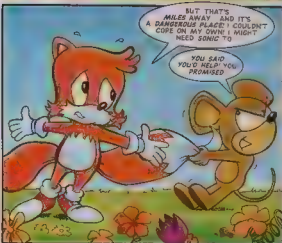
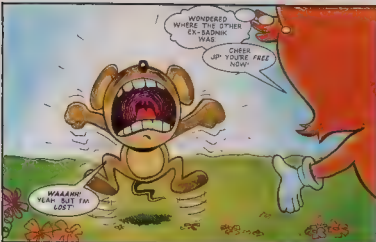
"OUTLAW
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DESTROY!"

"YIKES!
SO MUCH
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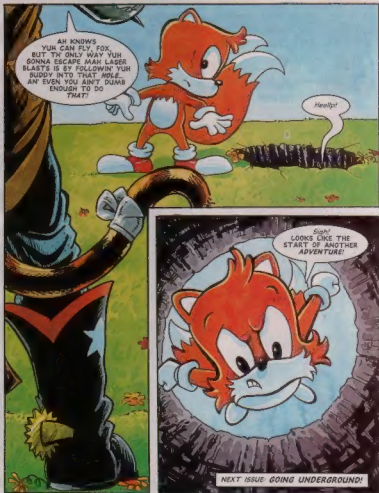
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FEET FOOTISH!

Dear Megadroid,

Would you please answer the following questions ...

- 1) Is Knuckles a girl or a boy?
- 2) Which football team do you support?
- 3) Where are your feet?

Owen Duhig, Leeds.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



1. Yes.
2. Robotenham.
3. Supporting me.

FUNNY NANNY!

Dear Megadroid,

I don't know why, but my nan just loves the sight of Sonic's face on my slippers. Do you think she's a little over the top?

Andrew Houckham, Kent.

MD Owner.

Please send full address details.

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Maybe they're shiny slippers, Andrew!

BALL POINT!

Dear Megadroid,

Will Marko's Magic Football be returning for a new story?

James Street, Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

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